

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.(currently amended) A railway track, (2) for vehicles having various means of locomotion and drive systems, comprising two rails (7), ~~which that~~ run parallel to one another, for vehicles (1) ~~having various means of locomotion and drive systems and a vehicle (1) for traveling the railway track (2), which is alternatively equipped as a road, rail, or magnetic levitation vehicle,~~ characterized in that wherein one or two wing-like extension arms (9) are situated on each rail (7) of the railway track (2), which permit, ~~in addition to~~ travel using a road wheel (4), travel using a flange wheel (5) , and travel ~~and~~ using magnetic levitation technology (6).

2.(currently amended) The railway track (2) according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rail (7) comprises a stable double-T profile having a perpendicular traverse (8), wherein the upper T-profile forms the wing-like extension arms (9), and wherein a rail head (40), supported by the traverse (8), is arched on top in the middle along the rail (7).

3.(currently amended) The railway track (2) according to Claims 1 ~~and 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a switch (43), which comprises flexible rail parts (45) pivotable in pairs on a circular path, is situated at branches of the railway track (2), and a retractable rail piece (46) is disposed on one of the rail parts in a foldable manner to equalize the length of said rail parts.

4.(currently amended) The railway track (2) according to Claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pivotable rail parts (45) comprise elements arrayed in a formfitting way and rotatable in relation to one another.

5.(currently amended) A vehicle (1) for use as a road, rail or magnetic levitation vehicle, for traveling the railway track (2) ~~according to~~ of Claims 1 through 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein flange wheels (5), which roll on the rail head (40) of the rails (7), are situated below, on the chassis of the vehicle (1) for the alternative use as a rail vehicle.

6.(currently amended) A vehicle (1) for use as a road, rail or magnetic levitation vehicle, for traveling the railway track (2) according to Claims 1 through 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein, for the alternative use as a road or rail vehicle, the flange wheel (5) is attached on the same axle (3) as the road wheel (4), the flange wheel (5) having a smaller diameter than the road wheel (4).

7.(currently amended) ~~The~~ A vehicle (1) for use as a road, rail or magnetic levitation vehicle, for traveling the railway track (2) according to Claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the road wheel (4) on the vehicle axle (3) is connected via a cranked axle to the flange wheel (5) and, by rotating the axle (3) by 180°, either the flange wheel (5) is seated on the rail head (10) or the road wheel (4) is seated on the extension arm (9) of the rail (7).

8.(currently amended) ~~The~~ A vehicle (1) for use as a road, rail or magnetic levitation vehicle, for traveling the railway track (2) according to Claims 6 and 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the road wheel (4) is twin tires and the flange wheel (5) is situated between the two twin tires.

9.(currently amended) ~~The~~ A vehicle (1) for use as a road, rail or magnetic levitation vehicle, for traveling the railway track (2) according to Claims 1 ~~through 4~~, ~~characterized in that~~, wherein for the alternative use as a magnetic levitation vehicle, support arms (11, 14) having magnetic coils and drive units (12) for magnetic levitation (6), which engage below the wing-like extension arms (9) of the rail (7), are situated below, on the chassis of the vehicle (1).

10.(currently amended) ~~The~~ A vehicle (1) for use as a road, rail or magnetic levitation vehicle, for traveling the railway track (2) according to Claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the support arms (11, 14) for magnetic levitation (6), which engage below the extension arms (9) on the rail (7), are situated in two or four parts on the vehicle (1).

11.(currently amended) ~~The~~ A vehicle (1) for use as a road, rail or magnetic levitation vehicle, for traveling the railway track (2) according to Claims 9 and 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the support arms (11) below the vehicle (1) are extendable and, when not used as a magnetic levitation vehicle (6), are retracted into the vehicle (1).

12.(currently amended) ~~A~~ vehicle (1) for use as a road, rail or magnetic levitation vehicle, for traveling the railway track (2) according to Claims 1 ~~through 4~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a synchronization unit is situated in the vehicle (1) to provide the flange wheel (5) with a rotational velocity which is adapted to the traveling velocity of the vehicle (1) before touchdown of the vehicle from the levitating state.